

What is EI/ECSE?



The Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) program provides special services to children with disabilities and their parents. These services help the child's development improve. Families can get EI/ECSE services for their children who qualify no matter where they live in Oregon. Each child in the EI/ECSE program has his own plan for services that is custom made and based on what that child and his family need.

When should I call the EI/ECSE program?

Call the local EI/ECSE program about any baby, toddler or preschool child whose development seems slow and who might need some kind of special services, especially if he has problems with how he:

- Talks
- Walks
- Sees
- Hears
- Responds to others
- Plays
- Learns
- Copes with new situations



Who can call the EI/ECSE program about a child?

Anyone can refer a child to the EI/ECSE program, including:

- Families
- Child care providers
- Preschools
- Friends
- Physicians
- Any community agency



Where can I call to find out if a child has a developmental delay?

Each county in Oregon has an EI/ECSE referral and evaluation agency. All referrals for screening and evaluation pass through this agency. The phone number for you to call for your local agency is on the back of this brochure.

What happens after I call about a child?

With the parent's permission, the child may be screened and evaluated to determine if s/he has a delay that makes him/her eligible for EI/ECSE services. If so, an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed to address the child's special learning needs. A team of professionals and the child's parents work together to develop the IFSP.

What services can children and families get in Oregon?

EI/ECSE services in Oregon are meant to build on the family's strengths to meet the special needs of their child. EI/ECSE specialists give family members, preschool teachers and caregivers ideas and help for working with and teaching the child. This is done in the places where the child usually spends time learning every day.



Here are some examples of EI/ECSE services:

- Giving the family information about their own child's special needs;
- Showing the family how to meet their child's needs at home;
- Helping the family learn how other people and agencies can help them;
- Helping the family learn how to teach the child new skills .

Is there a cost to families?

No. EI/ECSE services are free to families.

For additional information contact:

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